

were not personally or directly involved in these cases. Besides, due to administrative reasons also, FCIL management is retaining the present incumbent on the post of GM, Sindri.

Permission for import of Chemical fertilizers

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SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of chemical fertilizers in the country is permitted in the Government sector only;

(b) if not, what are the facts in this regard, and whether the said fertilizers were imported during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) if so, the names of Government agencies which imported fertilizers during each of the above years, the quantities imported and the price at which they were imported, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under statutory price and movement control and whose imports are made on Government account to bridge the gap between requirement and indigenous availability through designated canalizing agencies namely M/s MMTC Ltd., M/s State Trading Corporation Ltd. (STC), and M/s Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL). The other major fertilizers namely DAP and MOP have been decontrolled since 24.8.1992 and their imports decanalized with effect from 17.9.1992 and 17.6.1993, respectively. The imports of these fertilizers are made freely on private trade account.

(b) and (c) The quantity of urea imports in the last three years alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon is as under:

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RAJYA SABHA

Year	Urea (Lakh Metric Tonnes)	Expenditure (Rs. crores)
1997-98	23.89	721.96
1998-99	5.56	124.22
1999-2000	5.33	74.07

The agency-wise imports and the C&F prices at which these imports were made in the last three years is indicated below:

Agency	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Quantity (Lakh Metric Tonnes)	Weighted average C&F Price PMT (US \$)	Quantity (Lakh Metric Tonnes)	Weighted average C&F Price PMT (US \$)	Quantity (Lakh Metric Tonnes)	Weighted average C&F Price PMT (US \$)
MMTC	11.04	151.30	2.58	100.74	2.33	86.43
STC	9.98	153.37	1.50	100.67	1.02	86.43
IPL	2.87	139.66	1.48	99.60	1.98	85.50

However during the year 2000-01, the Department of Fertilizers had allowed M/s Madras Fertilizers Ltd., Chennai for import of 90,000 metric tonnes of urea for captive consumption for manufacture of complex grade fertilizers.

Department of Fertilizers does not maintain details regarding the prices, and expenditure for decontrolled fertilizers. On the basis of

available information, quantities of DAP and MOP imported by the country in the last three years were as under:

Year	DAP (Lakh Metric Tonnes)	MOP (Lakh Metric Tonnes)
1997-98	14.60	19.00
1998-99	21.05	25.70
1999-2000	32.68	28.98

The details of import of major fertilizer like DAP and MOP by the Government agencies in the last three years are as under:—

(Quality in Lakh Metric Tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of the Companies	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
		DAP	MOP	DAP	MOP	DAP	MOP
1.	Madras Fertilizers Limited	0.75	2.79	0.18	2.49	Nil	2.86
2.	Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Limited.	Nil	0.49	Nil	0.53	0.48	1.02
3.	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	1.25*	0.76	2.20*	1.61	2.87*	2.21
4.	Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.	1.12	0.86	Nil	0.58	Nil	0.55
5.	Indian Potash Limited	1.86	7.07	5.41	9.81	4.70	11.56
6.	Pyrites and Phosphates Chemicals Ltd.	Nil	0.77	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.	National Fertilizers Ltd.	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.25	Nil	Nil

*Includes MAP also

The import of DAP/MAP and MOP by the Government agencies is made both for direct sales and captive consumption for production of NPK fertilizers.